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The 'Joint Survey on Displaced people in Khost Province' was initiated by ACBAR South-east Coordination Group. ACBAR would like to express its special gratitude to members of the survey teams whose hard work made the survey possible; several agencies participated and financially supported the survey. (see appendix I for the name and contribution of the agencies as well as the names of staff carried out the survey); WFP for their prompt response and willingness to extend any possible assistance; Khost Shura, particularly the Governor, for providing security, a vehicle and other assistance, which helped considerably in the successful completion of the survey in a limited time period; and members of the South-east Coordination, for highlighting the problems and supporting the program.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The issue of displaced people - residing with relatives/friends all over Khost province - has been discussed in several ACBAR South-east Coordination meetings. According to NGOs, carrying out humanitarian activities for the Province, neither the NGOs nor the UN have so far provided assistance to these people. They are, in fact, in dire need of assistance, particularly food commodities.

At the Coordination meeting of 12 May it was reported that there are as many as 2,800 displaced families, based on registration done by the Provincial Authorities. In order to seek ways and means of assisting these families, five agencies : HCI, APWO, ARO, ARR and ACBAR volunteered to form a sub-group to encourage WFP to assist these families on an emergency basis.

Taking account of the urgency of this issue, a meeting was immediately arranged with WFP Kabul in Islamabad, which proved very constructive. The sub-group was asked to provide WFP with a detailed survey of displaced people in 15 days, which would then be further verified by their own mission.

To carry out the task in a timely fashion, involvement of some more agencies having both experience of emergency assistance and knowledge of the area was also deemed essential. Hence, five more agencies were invited to take part in this exercise.

METHODOLOGY

To accelerate the survey process the group was divided into three teams. Each team was composed of three professional staff from different organizations to be able to identify potential projects - to be carried out through Food For Work programs. A detailed survey form (Appendix II) was produced to collect the required information and ESAR's project survey forms (Appendix IIIA & IIIB) for different sectors ie road, irrigation, sanitation etc. were also used for the preliminary survey of the potential projects.

All members of the teams, excluding two staff who were already in the field, were briefed on the background and objectives of the survey. They were divided into the three teams according to areas of expertise; and the Province was divided - for facilitation purposes - into three zones. A team leader was selected for each team. This person was then responsible for making sure that the daily work was done in the planned way.

The teams left Peshawar on Wednesday, 25 May and returned on Wednesday 1 June 1994. Since the Shura of the Khost had already registered the displaced people and had detailed knowledge of where the displaced people were living, the teams were requested firstly to contact the Shura to obtain this information before starting the survey.

The team conducted a HOUSE TO HOUSE survey in almost all the Province, with the exception of few areas, which could not be reached due to distance and security problems. In each village an elder of the village was made responsible to take the team to houses where displaced people were thought to be living.

FINDINGS

A total of 1254 families consisting of 10307 individuals were found by the teams all over the Province (see Appendix IV for number of displaced families in districts). The completed survey forms are available at ACBAR and can be provided on request. Out of the 1254 families, 636 families were indicated to be considered as first priority, 507 second and 111 third priority. It should be noted that more displaced people are still arriving in the Province.

The registration details, prepared by the Department of Repatriation shows a figure of 1913 families. Given the facts that some families were not willing to register themselves and some areas could not be surveyed due some problems mentioned above, this figure could be potentially a "reasonable figure". Often when registration or surveys are not followed by any assistance some families refuse to register themselves.

At the same time some food for work projects have also been identified.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

- Displaced families were living, in very bad condition, in Khost city as well as in different districts of the Province;
- Some displaced families of 7/8 people were living in ONLY one room. Having been able to bring with them only limited household goods, has increased their problems;

- No job opportunities for displaced people, except for example, selling cold water in the summer to travellers;
- The local inhabitants of the area were found to be reasonably cooperative to the displaced people;
- Security was very good. No problems on the way to Khost were experienced. No political differences were seen among various Mujahideen groups. The Governor, despite being ill, provided the team with much assistance;
- The Shura was very cooperative and eager to extend any possible assistance to agencies; and
- The Shura as well as displaced people were complaining of not being assisted by agencies. However, as previously surveys resulted in no assistance, they were very happy to see a joint mission under the ACBAR umbrella.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) However, the displaced families have been categorized, it is recommended that all categories should be assisted through Food for Work projects, which would also benefit the community;
- b) Seeing a joint mission of NINE NGOs, has raised a much bigger expectation both to the displaced and the Shura. It is, therefore, VERY URGENTLY recommended that something, at least, should be done;
- c) As free food distribution would create additional problems, particularly in time of distribution, Food For Work programs are recommended; and
- d) Stagnant water is being used in some areas. Improvement of drinking water systems is recommended.

APPENDIX I

A) STAFF CARRIED OUT THE SURVEY:

- Eng. Sayed Nasir	APWO
- Ezatullah Sultani	ARO
- *Eng. Nasirullah	ARR
- Eng. Sayed Hamidullah	ESAR
- Eng. Usman	ESAR
- Dr. Abudul Rouf	GAF
- *Eng. Sayed Pacha	HCI
- *Eng. Ghulam Dastagir	PRS
- Mr. Baz Mohammad	SJAWO

* (Team Leader)

B) CONTRIBUTION OF THE AGENCIES:

- HCI	Rs. 5,000
- PRS	Rs. 1,000
- GAF	Rs. 1,000
- SJAWO	Rs. 1,000
- ARO	Rs. 1,000
- APWO	Rs. 1,000

- NPO provided a vehicle to the team
- ACBAR provided the required copies of registration and survey forms for potential projects
- ESAR, GAF and NPO also offered accomodation to the teams

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SURVEY FORM FOR DISPLACED PEOPLE IN KHOST

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Roads: L Construction _____ Sanitary area: _____ Drinking water: Shallow wells No. _____

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Surveyed by : _____

Province/District: _____

Date Surveyed: _____

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Prepared by ESAR

Irrigation Survey and Technical Calculation Form

Location: village_____ District_____ Province_____

Date:

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APPENDIX IV
NUMBER OF DISPLACED FAMILIES IN DISTRICTS

DISTRICT	FAMILIES
Khost City	318
Matoon	112
Shamal	14
Ismael Khil Mandozai	374
Tani	24
Nadirshah Kot	46
Lakand	140
Ali Shir	75
Saberi	70
Bak	81
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1254</u>

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